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12 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
13 **CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

14 STAR FABRICS, INC., a California  
15 Corporation,

16 Plaintiff,

17 v.

18 S.Y.L.K., a business entity of form unknown;  
19 AUTHENTIC APPAREL GROUP, LLC, a  
20 California limited liability company;  
21 VICMOJESS ENTERPRISES, INC., a  
22 California Corporation; and DOES 1 through  
23 10,

24 Defendants.

Case No.:

PLAINTIFF'S COMPLAINT FOR  
COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT

Jury Trial Demanded

25 Star Fabrics, Inc., by and through its undersigned attorneys, hereby prays to  
26 this honorable Court for relief based on the following:

27 **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

28 1. This action arises under the Copyright Act of 1976, Title 17 U.S.C., § 101  
*et seq.*



1 by such fictitious names, and will seek leave to amend this Complaint to show their  
2 true names and capacities when same have been ascertained.

3 9. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that at all times  
4 relevant hereto each of the Defendants was the agent, affiliate, officer, director,  
5 manager, principal, alter-ego, and/or employee of the remaining Defendants and was  
6 at all times acting within the scope of such agency, affiliation, alter-ego relationship  
7 and/or employment; and actively participated in or subsequently ratified and/or  
8 adopted each of the acts or conduct alleged, with full knowledge of all the facts and  
9 circumstances, including, but not limited to, full knowledge of each violation of  
10 Plaintiff's rights and the damages to Plaintiff proximately caused thereby.

11 **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN NO. 64818**

12 10. Plaintiff owns an original two-dimensional artwork used for purposes of  
13 textile printing entitled 64818 ("Subject Design A") which has been registered with  
14 the United States Copyright Office.

15 11. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff sampled and sold fabric  
16 bearing Subject Design to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

17 12. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that following this  
18 distribution of product bearing Subject Design A, SYLK, AAG, and DOE  
19 Defendants, and each of them, manufactured, distributed, and/or sold fabric and/or  
20 garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical, or substantially  
21 similar, to Subject Design A (hereinafter "Subject Product A") without Plaintiff's  
22 authorization, including but not limited to products sold by: SYLK under SKU  
23 25140-00, Style No. A5100S13, and bearing RN 135191 indicating garments  
24 manufactured and/ or distributed by AAG.

25 13. Representative portions of Subject Design A and Subject Product A are set  
26 forth hereinbelow:  
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**Subject Design A**



**Subject Product A**



**CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN NO. 63556**

14. Plaintiff owns an original two-dimensional artwork used for purposes of textile printing entitled 63556 (“Subject Design B”) which has been registered with the United States Copyright Office.

15. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff sampled and sold fabric bearing Subject Design B to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

16. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that following this distribution of product bearing Subject Design B, SYLK, VICMOJESS, and DOE Defendants, and each of them, manufactured, distributed, and/or sold fabric and/or garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical, or substantially similar, to Subject Design B (hereinafter “Subject Product B”) without Plaintiff’s authorization, including but not limited to products sold by SYLK under Style No.



1 S4D2646F45 and bearing RN 107363, indicating that it was manufactured by or for  
2 VICMOJESS.

3 b. Representative portions of Subject Design B and one exemplar of  
4 Subject Product B are set forth hereinbelow:

5 **Subject Design B**



**Subject Product B**



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19 **CLAIMS RELATED TO DESIGN NO. 63012**

20 17. Plaintiff owns an original two-dimensional artwork used for purposes of  
21 textile printing entitled 63012 (“Subject Design C”) which has been registered with  
22 the United States Copyright Office.

23 18. Prior to the acts complained of herein, Plaintiff sampled and sold fabric  
24 bearing Subject Design C to numerous parties in the fashion and apparel industries.

25 19. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that following this  
26 distribution of product bearing Subject Design C, SYLK, AAG, and DOE  
27 Defendants, and each of them, manufactured, distributed, and/or sold fabric and/or  
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garments comprised of fabric featuring a design which is identical, or substantially similar, to Subject Design C (hereinafter “Subject Product C”) without Plaintiff’s authorization, including but not limited to products sold by SYLK under Style No. A5066S16, and bearing RN 135191, indicating garments manufactured and/or distributed by AAG.

20. Representative portions of Subject Design C and Subject Product C are set forth hereinbelow:

**Subject Design C**



**Subject Product C**



**FIRST CLAIM FOR RELIEF**

(For Copyright Infringement - Against All Defendants, and Each)

21. Plaintiff repeats, realleges and incorporates herein by reference as though fully set forth the allegations contained in the preceding paragraphs of this Complaint.

22. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and each of them, had access to the Subject Design A, B, and C (hereinafter “Subject



1 Designs”), including, without limitation, through (a) access to Plaintiff’s showroom  
2 and/or design library; (b) access to illegally distributed copies of Subject Designs by  
3 third-party vendors and/or DOE Defendants, including without limitation  
4 international and/or overseas converters and printing mills; (c) access to Plaintiff’s  
5 strike-offs and samples, and (d) access to garments in the marketplace manufactured  
6 with lawfully printed fabric bearing Subject Designs.

7 23. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that one or more of  
8 the Defendants manufactures garments and/or is a garment vendor. Plaintiff is  
9 further informed and believes and thereon alleges that said Defendant(s), and each of  
10 them, has an ongoing business relationship with Defendant retailers, and each of  
11 them, and supplied garments to said retailers, which garments infringed Subject  
12 Designs in that said garments were composed of fabric which featured unauthorized  
13 print designs that were identical or substantially similar to Subject Designs, or were  
14 an illegal modification thereof.

15 24. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and  
16 each of them, infringed Plaintiff’s copyright by creating, making and/or developing  
17 directly infringing and/or derivative works from Subject Designs and by producing,  
18 distributing and/or selling Subject Products through a nationwide network of retail  
19 stores, catalogues, and through on-line websites.

20 25. Due to Defendants’, and each of their, acts of infringement, Plaintiff has  
21 suffered damages in an amount to be established at trial.

22 26. Due to Defendants’, and each of their, acts of copyright infringement as  
23 alleged herein, Defendants, and each of them, have obtained profits they would not  
24 otherwise have realized but for their infringement of Subject Designs. As such,  
25 Plaintiff is entitled to disgorgement of Defendants’, and each of their, profits  
26 attributable to the infringement in an amount to be established at trial.

1           27. Plaintiff is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, and  
2 each of them, have committed copyright infringement with actual or constructive  
3 knowledge of Plaintiff's rights such that said acts of copyright infringement were,  
4 and continue to be, willful, intentional and malicious.

5                                   **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

6           Wherefore, Plaintiff prays for judgment as follows:

- 7           a. That Defendants—each of them—and their respective agents and  
8 servants be enjoined from importing, manufacturing, distributing,  
9 offering for sale, selling or otherwise trafficking in any product that  
10 infringes Plaintiff's copyrights in Subject Designs;  
11          b. That Plaintiff be awarded all profits of Defendants, and each of them,  
12 plus all losses of Plaintiff, the exact sum to be proven at the time of trial,  
13 or, if elected before final judgment, statutory damages as available under  
14 the Copyright Act, 17 U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;  
15          c. That Plaintiff be awarded its attorneys' fees as available under the  
16 Copyright Act U.S.C. § 101 et seq.;  
17          d. That Plaintiff be awarded the costs of this action; and  
18          e. That Plaintiff be awarded such further legal and equitable relief as the  
19 Court deems proper.

20           Plaintiff demands a jury trial on all issues so triable pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P.  
21 38 and the 7<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution.

22           Dated: May 16, 2017

23                                   By: /s/ Stephen M. Doniger  
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